

AN ACCOUNT OF THE

Discovery and Siezing

OF
Mr. Harrison, and Mr. R—,

On the Account of the
Murder of the late Doctor **CLENCH.**

WITH

A Relation of the Examination, &c. of One of them, and of his
Commitment to New-gate last night, the 6th. Instant.

Doctor *Clench*, having been most Barbarously and Inhumanely Murdered,
by Two *Ruffins*, in a Coach, going towards *Aldgate*, on *Monday* the
Fourth Instant; about *Eleven* at Night:

Now, it being generally supposed, by all the Doctors Friends, that
the Villains were infligated to Commit this Notorious Fact, more out of Ma-
lice and Revenge, than any Real Design as to Profit, on the Account of Rob-
bing of Moneys, &c. Upon which, mature Consideration was taken, What
Persons had any *Quarrel* with the Doctor (himself being, in his Life-time,
known to be a very Peaceable, Innocent, and Inoffensive Person :) Upon which
the following Concern came fresh to Memory; *viz.* The Doctor having, a
considerable time since, Lent a certain Gentlewoman a Sum of Money, on a
Mortgage, and afterwards calling in his Monys, for divers Reasons, the Thing being but
for the Gentlewomans Life, that the Mortgage was upon, and for Non-Payment,
neither of the principle Money, nor Interest, the Doctor proceeded at Law, and
in time procured the Rent being paid to him; upon which one Mr. *Harrison*, who
was a Friend, and as some say, kept very Familiar Company with the Gentle-
woman, going to demand the Rent, and they refusing Payment, saying, it was
now Doctor *Clenches* right to Receive it; upon which he was heard to say, G—dam-
him, he would speedily be Reveng'd on the Doctor, and cure him of Recei-
ving of it, or Words to that effect; and, as 'tis said, in other companys lately
he has been heard to say, he would be the death of the Doctor.

A Warrant being granted for the Apprehending of this Mr. *Harrison*, and
one Mr. *R—*, who is supposed to be the said *Harrisons* Accomplice in the
Murder, they were both taken yesterday, by Constables, Tipstaves, &c. the
former after a long and diligent search (he often changing his Lodgings, tak-
ing new Lodgings, on *Saturday* last,) was taken near *White-Fryers*; the latter at
his own house.

Mr. *Harrison*, being brought before the Lord Chief Justice, and the Coach-
man, who drove the Coach when the Doctor was Murdered, being sent for
and present, Depos'd, That he verily believ'd, *Harrison* to be one of the *Ruf-
fins*, but that he had then Black Cloaths on; but now was in Coloured.

Harrison being Examined to give an Account, where he was from *Nine* to
Twelve a Clock on *Monday* night; said, He was at a Widow-womans Coffee
House near *Fleet-Street*; but the being sent for, Declared, That he was at her
House not above half an hour; which, as she said, was from half an hour past
Eight till *Nine*, or thereabouts; tho' he before alleadg'd, that he was there
Three or *Four* Hours; he likewise Alleadged, that he had not seen Doctor
Clench for many Weeks before, though it was proved that he had been with
him but a few days before.

In short, *Harrison* giving but a very slender account of himself, and there
being very Corroborating Circumstances fixed upon him, the Lord Chief Ju-
stice committed him to *New-gate* that Night.

This Mr. *Harrison*, was formerly Clerk to Serjeant *Osney* of *Gray-Inn*,
but has been known to be the Person of a very Lew'd Conversation for feve-
ral years last past.

Licensed according to Order.